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Goals setting for Central Virginia and implementation of plans and processes for the purpose of obtaining those goals in the long range plan of Central Virginia Tomorrow - A Partnership Process.

The Process is just what the name implies, a partnership of a number of social, educational and economic oriented organizations working toward one final goal - - making Central Virginia a better place to live.

Involved in the Process is the Consortium of Lynchburg College, Sweet Briar College and Randolph-Macon Woman's College; the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce; the City of Lynchburg; the Central Virginia Planning District Commission and City Gate, a goals setting organization under the directorship of Herbert Moore.

While members of these groups have banded together and formed a steering committee, if the Process is to work it will require the involvement of the citizens whose lives are bound in the geographic area encompassed by the Process, the cities of Lynchburg and Bedford and the counties of Appomattox, Amherst, Campbell and Bedford.

Process has scheduled jurisdictional and district-wide workshops to be donducted during the next four months. The purpose of the workshops is to determine where the region is headed in economic, social and physical development and explore alternatives for development which are being tried or considered elsewhere in the country. Getting the citizens of the region involved in determining their own future and the future development of the region is of prime importance during this crucial stage of the Process.

The future of the Process depends on the input received at the conferences and workshops and the input must come from the citizens of the area who will have the opportunity to express their needs and suggest strategies for meeting those needs.

The American City Corporation will provide consulting services to the process. ACC has had a great deal of experience and success with similar processes in Columbia, Md. and Hartford, Conn.

Central Virginia Tomorrow has tremendous potential, but it will work only as well as the citizens of the community wish it to.

We at the **Times-Virginian** are in favor of the Process as it is now planned. Write to us. Let us know in which direction we are headed and if the process is a step in the right direction.

Letter To The Editors

Editor's Note: We received a copy of the following letter on Tuesday and think it is well worth reprinting for our citizens to read, also.

Mr. R. C. Beale
Pamplin, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beale:

You are to be commended for your fine performance as a school bus driver in Appomattox County.

I saw the article in the **Times Virginian** concerning your retirement. Being a bus driver for 44 years is an achievement that has not and will not be met by many people. I would like to commend you for your fine record of service to the Appomattox County School Board, and I was very pleased to see that you will still be working at the cannery.

I passed this article on to Mr. Buster Bynum, State Superintendent of Bus Transportation. Take care of yourself and I am sure when school starts, you will automatically want to go out and start a school bus.

Sincerely yours,
W. T. Johnson
Assistant Supervisor
Agricultural Education

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cc: Mr. H. A. Paulette
Mr. Lloyd Walton

The Pastor Speaks

"Now is the Time"

Anyone who has ever looked at a typing book is familiar with the above phrase. it is a part of the classic sentence for all typists. "Now is the time . . ." What a perfect theme for the Christian!

Time has a way of slipping away from us. The days pass quickly into weeks - the weeks into months - the months into years - and ere we know it a whole life time has gone. Time, therefore, is precious. It cannot be bought, or won, or earned - it can only be lived. Someone once wrote this ad:

"Lost: between sunrise and sunset one hour - sixty golden minutes, each one set with precious opportunities. No reward is offered, for they are lost forever."

If a man now 40 years of age lives his threescore years and ten, look how he will spend the next thirty years: He will spend 2,660 days sleeping; 3,660 days working; about 2,440 days eating and tending to the bare necessities such as dressing, paying bills, etc.; leaving not more than 1,220 days in which to read, play, visit, vacation, and do whatever constructive thing he plans to do for his church, his community, and others.

Now you and I know that there is something imperative about the Christian Gospel. It does not say, "Wait until later." Rather, it says, "Now is the time . . ." No doubt some have been saying to themselves that they should get back to church; others that they should start tithing; others that they should undertake some work, such as teaching a class, counselling youth, singing in the choir, leading a circle. But when??? Tomorrow never comes!

"Now is the time . . !"

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sun., Sept. 1, 1974.
Topic: **God's Purpose for Man**
Scripture: Genesis 1-3

Then God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion . . . over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." Genesis 1:26

It is highly appropriate that the new six-year cycle of Bible study in the International Sunday School lesson series begin with the theme, "The Living God Seeks Man." It is equally appropriate that the first lesson should be concerned with so basic a matter as "God's Purpose for Man." Both are important topics, and their study should give fresh perspective into God's relationship with man and with the purpose for man's existence.

The book of Genesis sets the stage for the long drama of human history and for the divine-human encounter in which every individual becomes engaged. The natures of God and man are such that each individual must determine for himself what his relationship to God is and will be. A study of Genesis is important, even essential, to man's understanding of himself.

Genesis deals with questions about which man has speculated over the generations. Legends and myths among ancient peoples offered fanciful and fantastic explanations of how the world and what is in it came to be. Modern man with his extensive scientific knowledge is still trying to discover what is still to it the mystery of origins. One purpose of the explorations of the moon is to try to find evidence which will throw light on the origin of the earth.

The tradition of creation handed down among the Hebrews differs from the fanciful concepts of others, as the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Greeks. The Hebrew saw underlying and undergirding all the universe the power and the wisdom of God. This concept we read in Genesis. Throughout the Scriptures God is presented in His role as Creator. In seeing God as Creator, the Hebrew, to whom God revealed Himself as to no other people, emphasized in the Creation account the omnipotence, the omniscience, the majesty, and the glory of God. Underlying all creation is God. Nothing exists without Him. The divine word maintains the order of all creation. As Genesis relates it, God brought about the conditions on the earth which make life possible. Thus far, no other planet has been found which to human knowledge will support life.

In the Hebrew (and Scriptural) concept, man is the crown of God's creation. There is a subtle distinction in the account of the creation of other features of the universe and in the creation of man. The other features came into being at the word of God, "Let there be . . ." Man was brought into being by the personal work of God, "Let us make man." In making man, God was more than make another creature: He made man in His image and likeness, the only creature in the world with a spiritual nature.

God does not act without purpose. There is purpose for man, not only for man as humanity, but also for people as individuals. The Hebrew saw as the purpose of man the management and direction of God's creation; "Let them (the plural is significant) have dominion . . . over all the earth." Man was created to carry on God's work in the world.

Genesis also contains the account of how man early disobeyed God and alienated himself from his Creator. This circumstance gave another turn to the divine-human encounter. Instead of an intimate friend-to friend relationship of one spiritual being to another, man became decisively separated from God. Although man disobeyed God, God did not abandon man. Since then, in the phrase of the theme for this quarter's lessons, "The Living God Seeks Man." it is important to put it this way. Man through his wisdom does not know God; only as God reveals Himself, does man come to know Him.

Only through knowing God can man fulfill the purpose for which he was made, to do God's work in the world. This work is not limited to what we term religious. It extends to every aspect; for example, the political in the governance of man; the economic, in enabling man to earn a livelihood; the scientific, in discovering the laws governing the world and in using earth's resources for man's benefit. How man manages the affairs of the world measures how well he lives up to the purpose for which he is here.

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Mrs. Earnest Cross of Richmond, a cousin of Mrs. Hazel Gallespie, spent last Tuesday night with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Matthews, of Orange, spent Sunday with her father, Mr. J. Osborne Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis, Jr. and his family attended The Alvis Reunion at the American Legion Hall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler, Mrs. Nina Caldwell and Mrs. Elsie Caldwell attended the Alvis Reunion Sunday. A good crowd was present and such a grand dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stratton visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stratton Sunday afternoon.

Miss Sherry Roop was the Sunday night guest of Miss Connie Krantz.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz had as their dinner guest Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dyess, Robert and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carson, Danny and Carol. A grand dinner was enjoyed by all.

So glad to report Mrs. Minnie Burnett was able to be at church Sunday.

Beckham

AUGUST 26 - Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Wingfield, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr., Kathy and Tommy Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin and boys, Crystal and Karen Carter. Visiting in the afternoon were Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr., Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge visited Mrs. Beulah Goodhar and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell of Monroe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Burge and girls spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy visited Mr. Mundy Moore in Lynchburg General Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Moore, Eunice Martin, Miss Debbie Moore and Mrs. S. G. Martin were among others on a trip to Disney World in Florida.

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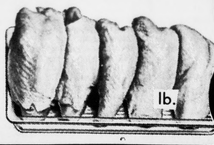
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